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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 599
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Barbara McCamey of Hillcrest Elementary School upon her receipt of the 2000 Hamblen County Teacher of the Year Award in the pre-kindergarten-4th grade category.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to those exemplary professionals who have dedicated their careers to making education a relevant and productive experience for Tennessee's youth; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Barbara McCamey, a first-grade teacher at Hillcrest Elementary School, is most assuredly one such superlative educator who is deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McCamey was recently honored by her receipt of the prestigious Hamblen County Teacher of the Year Award for Pre-Kindergarten through 4th grade; and

WHEREAS, she has been deservedly honored for a job well done by her work with her position as a K-1 looping teacher; she has served astutely as Adopt-A-School committee chairwoman, Title I representative and in-school representative for assertive discipline; and

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WHEREAS, Ms. McCamey is a gifted instructor who teaches with great enthusiasm; she deeply cares about her students' education, both in the classroom and in life; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McCamey truly personifies the spirit of the Teacher of the Year Award, as she inspires her students to imagine a better future and work toward creating a better world by encouraging excellence in her students and her peers; and

WHEREAS, the caring and attentive parents of her students have long recognized and appreciated Ms. McCamey 's excellence as an educator and role model for young people; she has been with the Hamblen County School System for 15 years and has involved herself in several civic and community activities during her meritorious tenure at Hillcrest; and

WHEREAS, she first began her training as a teacher at Carson-Newman College, where she earned a Bachelor's degree; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her meritorious service as a teacher, she has the following achievements to her credit: she is involved in the K-5 Correlation of System Software to Curriculum project; this special person also participated in the development of the Kindergarten Curriculum Guide and Checklist, organized and implemented Community Day for Kindergarten Students at Hillcrest, and attended an Appleworks Workshop for Teachers at Hillcrest; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McCamey's service in her community in helping the elderly and her devout faith in God as a member of the Fair View Baptist Church is indeed inspiring; and

WHEREAS, she has been a pioneer among teachers and her fellow citizens, participating in the Walking for Little Children at Hillcrest Elementary School in 1994, attending the ADHD Workshop in 1993, and completing the Methods of Teaching Elementary Mathematics course at ETSU in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Barbara McCamey is especially grateful for the love and support that she receives from her family, colleagues, friends, and students; and

WHEREAS, she should be saluted for her stalwart dedication to her students and to her community, and for the positive impact that she has on her students' lives; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Ms. Barbara McCamey upon her receipt of the 2000 Hamblen County Teacher of the Year Award in the Pre-Kindergarten-grade 4 category. We commend her superlative career as an educator and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.